

Ashworth, S.W.

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(Bellflower, IL)

August 30, 1919.

Mr. S. W. Ashworth,
Fullflower, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter addressed to the Metropolitan Museum has been referred to us for reply as our Museum is devoted entirely to coins and medals.

A great many Roman Coins have been brought back to this country in the last few months, by men returning from the army and so I have no reason to doubt that those in your possession are genuine pieces. However, Roman Coins have been turning up continually for a number of centuries and the coin market is extremely well supplied with them. As a result of this very few of them are worth more than a few cents. Of course, there are some rare varieties which bring high prices but I should doubt very much whether any of these would be apt to fall into your possession. Whether any of yours are rare or not I could only tell by having a detailed description of them.

All the Roman Emperors, from the time of Augustus down to the end of the Empire used the name Caesar as a title so that the mere fact that a head of and the name Caesar appears upon a coin does not establish it as a coin of Julius Caesar. As a matter of fact, most of the coins issued under the reign of Julius Caesar didn't have his name or portrait.

Our Museum only purchases such coins as we do not already have in our collection and as we have many thousand Roman Coins the probability of your having anything which would interest us is very slight.

Very truly yours,

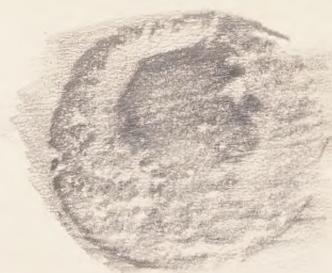
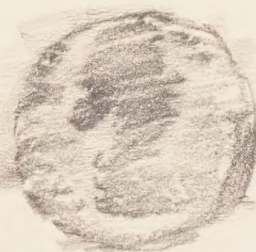
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American Numismatic Society
New York.

Dear Sirs:-

Your letter Aug 30 on hand regarding coin
found in France. I am sending perfect
print of coins so you can compare them
to those you already have. If you have
the same that is O.K. of course, but I want
to say I don't believe men from overseas
have flooded the coin market with such
as these for I have been through several
museums but failed to see them duplic-
ated. If you have coin books I'd like to
have one

Respectfully
S. G. Ashworth.



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October 18th, 1919.

Mr. S. H. Ashworth,
Bellflower,
Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of October 4th at hand. The Roman coins you have are all common coins. The condition is below the average, and consequently from a monetary standpoint your coins would be worth very little. From an historical standpoint they are full of interest. Two of your pieces are of Faustina, Jr., the wife of Marcus Aurelius, 121-180 A.D. The other one that has Diva Faustina on it is of Faustina, Sr., the wife of Antoninus Pius, 105-141 A.D. One of your coins with the bearded head is I think Antoninus Pius. The other coin that you state the back is worn smooth is of the Emperor Trajan, 53 - 117 A. D. I am sending you rubbings of similar pieces we have here, and you will note the better condition ours are in although we could still improve these. We issue no coin books on the subject.

Very truly yours,

Curator.